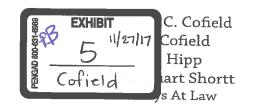


C. Thomas Cofield III (1933 - 1994)

October 18, 2017



Erin B. Crawford Chief Counsel, Judicial Merit Selection Commission & Staff Attorney, Senate Judiciary Committee 104 Gressette Building Post Office Box 142 Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Re:

PDQ Amendment for Amy V. Cofield.

Dear Ms. Crawford:

Please find enclosed the Amendment to my previously submitted PDQ on July 27, 2017. These new responses will "strike and replace" Questions 15, 21, and 36.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Amy V. Cofield

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## **QUESTION 15 - STRIKE AND REPLACE**

- 15. Please answer the following (if you are a judge and <u>are not seeking a different type of judgeship</u>, this question is inapplicable):
  - (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Family Court Judge within the past five years.
  - (b) If you are a candidate for Circuit Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience in criminal matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Further, please provide a brief written description of your experience in civil matters, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the types of matters handled, issues involved, and procedural history. Please include information such as the primary areas in civil court in which you practice, whether you represent plaintiffs or defendants, or both. You may go back further than five years if you feel it would assist the Commission with its assessment of your experience. If you lack experience in an area, describe how your background and procedural knowledge has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Circuit Court Judge, or how you would compensate for your lack of experience in this area. Please also indicate the frequency of your appearances before a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
  - (c) If you are a candidate for Master-In-Equity, please provide a brief written description of your experience in the Master's court, including any cases handled over the past five years and include a brief description of the issues involved. Please include the frequency of your appearances before a Master-In-Equity or a Circuit Court Judge within the past five years.
  - (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law or Circuit Court within the past five years.

- (b) In my 26 years of private practice I have had the unique opportunity to represent both Plaintiffs and Defendants. I have not been restrained to one area of law or type of client.
- I have appeared in the following Tribunals/Courts: Social Security Administration, SC Employment Security Commission, SC Workers' Compensation Commission, Magistrates Court, Probate Court, Equity Court, Family Court, Circuit Court, SC Court of Appeals, and the SC Supreme Court where I have several reported and unreported cases.

In Circuit Court I have specifically appeared in the following types of cases:

- Personal Injury/Property Damage /Insurance Defense to include Car/Truck accidents, slip and fall, premises liability, Wrongful Death/Survival Actions, Medical Malpractice
  - Wrongful Death/Survival Action
- Personal Injury Plaintiff and Defense Subrogation to include Car/Truck accidents, slip and fall
  - Minor Settlements
  - Breach of Contract Actions
- Collection Actions to include Debt Collection Actions and Foreign Judgment Proceedings
- Mechanics Liens (Plaintiff and Defendant) and Foreclosure of Mechanics Liens
  - Probate Court Appeals
     Will Contests/Estate Disputes
     Breach of Fiduciary Duty
  - Real Estate Litigation
    Title defects Quiet Title Actions
    Easement disputes
    Foreclosure- Plaintiff
    Foreclosure- Defense
    Contract Disputes
    Home Owner Associations, formations, violations and disputes
  - Lease Disputes
  - Gun License Reinstatements
  - Workers' Compensation Appeals (prior to 2007)

Specifically, in the past five years I have actually appeared before a Circuit Court Judge in the following types of cases: Easement dispute/Interference of Contract action, Appeal from Probate Court, Quiet Title Actions, Gun License Reinstatements and

Foreclosure/Counterclaim for Negligent Misrepresentation and violation of the SC Unfair Trade Practices Act.

I have not specifically practiced in the Criminal Court. I have represented an Appellant in a PCR matter and have also appeared as a Victim of Crime. I do feel that my work history demonstrates my ability to learn and put to practice many areas of law and follow proper court procedures. My appearances before ten different courts/tribunals is a strong indicator of my ability to serve as Circuit Court Judge in both Civil and Criminal matters. My unique experience in representing both Plaintiffs and Defendants also provides a valuable asset to the judiciary.

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#### **QUESTION 21 - STRIKE AND REPLACE**

- 21. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.
  - (a) Rochester d/b/a Rochester Cab Company v. Arthur G. Roberts
    Appeal from Oconee County Circuit Court
    Court of Appeals Unpublished Opinion No.: 2008-UP-323
    Filed June 27, 2008
  - (b) Tower v. SC Department of Corrections
    Appeal from Richland County Circuit court
    Court of Appeals Unpublished Opinion No.: 2005-UP-599
    Filed November 28, 2005
  - (c) Pfeil v. Larry Rowell, Jeff Barnhart, d/b/a Rowell and Barnhart Construction
    Appeal from York County Circuit Court
    Supreme Court Opinion No.: 2009-MO-060
    Filed November 9, 2009
  - (d) On Time Transportation, Inc. v. SC Workers' Compensation Uninsured Employers' Fund
    Appeal from Spartanburg County Circuit court
    Court of Appeals Unpublished Opinion No.: 2011-UP-581
    Filed December 20, 2011
  - (e) <u>Sanchez v. Cold Creek Nurseries</u>
    Appeal from Aiken County Circuit Court
    Court of Appeals Unpublished Opinion No.: 2011-UP-458
    Filed October 13, 2011

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## **QUESTION 36 - STRIKE AND REPLACE**

- 36. Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been a named party (Personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceedings? If so, give details, including, but not limited to dates, and resolutions.
  - Amy Cofield vs. David Jackson
     December 13, 1995
     Landlord/Tenant Eviction action as Landlord
  - John E. Haas vs. William Haas et al
     April 12, 1996
     I was named as one of eight Defendants in this debt collection matter. I believe there was a lien against William Haas.
  - (3) Amy Cofield vs. Commercial Plant Relocators
     June 5, 1996
     Firm Collection matter Default Judgment
  - (4) Amy Cofield vs. James Norman
     January 13, 1997
     Landlord/Tenant Eviction action as Landlord
  - (5) Amy C. Derrick v. Tracie Hamby
     January 26, 1999
     Debt Collection action Dismissed
  - (6) Amy Cofield Derrick vs. Rabb Leonard
     September 3, 2002
     September 25, 2002
     November 20, 2002
     All Default and Eviction actions as Landlord
  - Amy Cofield-Derrick vs. Pauline Sanders
     April 4, 2001
     Breach of Contract action against Bookkeeper for failing to perform services. Case was Settled.
  - (8) Thomas H. Miles vs. Amy Cofield/Cofield Law Firm
    The Seller in a closing I handled (not my client) brought an action because
    he didn't understand he had to pay roll back taxes. Case was Settled.

Branch Banking and Trust Co. vs. Edgewater Lodge and RV Campground Filed in 2010
 I was an investor in Edgewater Lodge and this matter involved a Foreclosure and Counterclaim against the Lender.
 The Case was Dismissed with Prejudice.

(10) In the matter of David W. Huffstetler March 6, 2012

I was one of four Complainants regarding unethical judicial conduct of a former SC Workers' Compensation Commissioner before the State Ethics Commission.

Finding of Violation and fine assessed.

AMENDMENT TO PDQ 44

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41. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? If so, give the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed.

No

42. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item or items you received, the date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal involved.

No

43. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

None

- 44. List the recipient and amount of all contributions made by you, a member of your immediate family, or by a business with whom you are associated, to members of the General Assembly within the past four years.
  - (a) Katrina Shealy:

Amy V. Cofield 2016 - \$100.00

Cofield Law Firm 2016 - \$1,000.00

(b) Mark Willis:

Amy V. Cofield 2016 - \$250.00

(d) Luke Rankin:

Amy V. Cofield 2016 - \$100.00

(e) Ralph Kennedy:

Cofield Law Firm 2014 - \$250.00

45. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened or have you been offered a conditional pledge of support by any legislator pending the outcome of your screening? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? If so, give details.

No

Note: The flash drive with your application materials contains (1) Section 2-19-70(c); (2) JMSC Rule 24, and (3) informal opinions and letters concerning pledging prohibitions, with which third parties acting on your behalf, as well as you, must comply.

46. Have you requested any third parties to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf before the final and formal screening report has been released? Describe the campaigning you have done for this election and include a list of those individuals you have asked to campaign on your behalf and, to the best of your knowledge, those who have campaigned for you on their own initiative.

None

47. Are you familiar with the 48-hour rule, which prohibits a candidate from seeking pledges until after the draft report becomes final, which occurs on the day and time specified on the Commission's published screening schedule?

Yes

48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor, donor, and date of the solicitation.

No